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Northwest Territories Population – April 2013

On April 1, 2013 Statistics Canada estimated that 43,349 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.3% from the previous year. By comparison, Canada's population increased by 1.1% over the same period. With the exception of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, all other provinces and territories experienced positive growth between April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013, ranging from a low of 0.3% in Newfoundland and Labrador to a high of 3.2% in Alberta. Please note, these estimates are based on the 2006 Census, adjusted for census net undercoverage and do not reflect information from the 2011 Census.

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2013

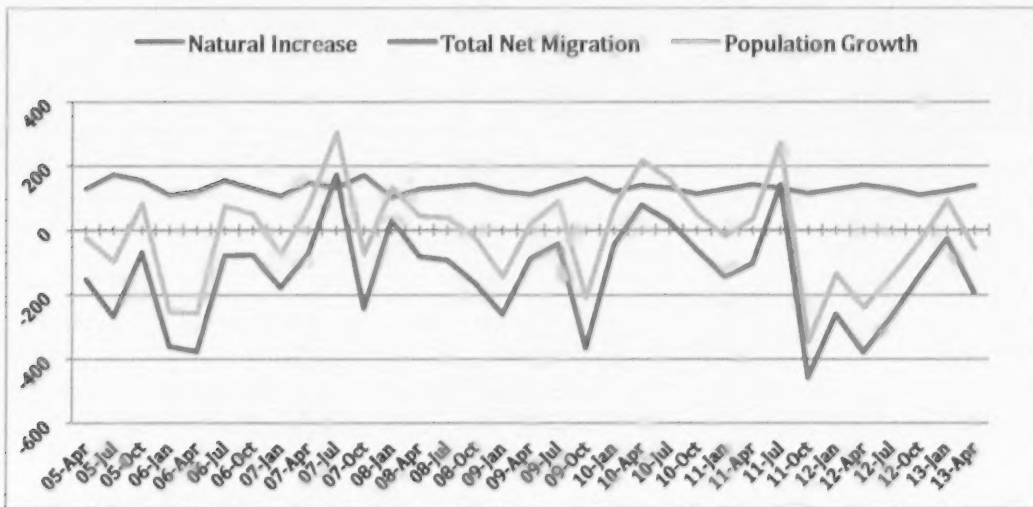
	2013 April 1	(%) Incr.	2012 April 1	(%) Incr.	2011 April 1	(%) Incr.	2010 April 1	(%) Incr.
Canada	35,141,542	1.1	34,753,881	1.1	34,370,430	1.1	34,003,945	1.2
Northwest Territories	43,349	-0.3	43,490	-1.0	43,941	0.5	43,716	0.4
Nunavut	34,023	0.8	33,761	1.4	33,295	2.0	32,641	2.0
Yukon	36,418	1.8	35,791	2.3	34,998	2.1	34,272	2.0
British Columbia	4,650,004	0.9	4,609,166	1.0	4,563,638	1.1	4,513,891	1.6
Alberta	3,965,339	3.2	3,842,549	2.3	3,757,536	1.4	3,706,967	1.5
Saskatchewan	1,093,880	1.9	1,073,107	1.9	1,053,217	1.3	1,040,187	1.5
Manitoba	1,277,339	1.2	1,262,746	1.3	1,246,742	1.3	1,230,594	1.3
Ontario	13,583,710	0.9	13,464,470	1.1	13,324,435	1.2	13,171,750	1.2
Quebec	8,099,095	0.9	8,026,910	0.9	7,953,123	0.9	7,880,247	1.0
New Brunswick	754,039	-0.2	755,452	0.1	754,564	0.4	751,900	0.4
Nova Scotia	945,015	-0.3	948,292	0.1	947,678	0.4	943,774	0.4
Prince Edward Island	145,763	-0.1	145,971	0.7	144,913	1.8	142,356	1.5
Newfoundland & Lab.	513,568	0.3	512,176	0.0	512,350	0.1	511,650	0.8

In total, the NWT population fell by 141 persons between April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013. The components of natural increase consisted of 701 births and 205 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 496 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 1,882 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,690 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 808 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 171 persons.

In terms of quarterly growth, the NWT population decreased by 58 persons between January 1, 2013 and April 1, 2013. The population decline resulted from a net loss of 255 inter-provincial offset by a gain of 138 persons through natural increase and 59 net international in-migrants.

Since natural increase is positive and stable over time, territorial growth is mainly driven by the prevailing level of total net migration. As such, population growth follows the same trend as total net migration, but is shifted upwards due to the positive influence of natural increase (Figure 1). In most quarters, net migration was negative, as there have only been five instances, where more people moved into the territory than out between April 1, 2005 and April 1, 2013.

Figure 1 The Component of Population Change, April 1, 2005 to April 1, 2013



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2006 are presented in Table 2.

**Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2006 to April 1, 2013**

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	---- Interprovincial Migration ----			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2013	Jan-Mar	43,407	43,349	191	53	642	899	-255	59	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,730	43,407	701	203	1,642	2,611	-969	148	-
	Oct-Dec	43,313	43,407	173	52	261	334	-73	46	-
	Jul-Sep	43,349	43,313	161	52	550	716	-166	21	-
	Apr-Jun	43,490	43,349	176	48	429	743	-314	45	-
	Jan-Mar	43,730	43,490	191	51	402	818	-416	36	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,905	43,730	706	196	2,002	2,713	-711	26	-
	Oct-Dec	43,866	43,730	176	50	265	540	-275	13	-
	Jul-Sep	44,212	43,866	163	50	405	891	-486	27	-
	Apr-Jun	43,941	44,212	176	46	783	617	166	-25	-
	Jan-Mar	43,905	43,941	191	50	549	665	-116	11	-
2010	Jan-Dec	43,500	43,905	700	193	1,890	2,060	-170	68	-
	Oct-Dec	43,924	43,905	176	50	313	448	-135	-10	-
	Jul-Sep	43,873	43,924	161	49	345	439	-94	33	-
	Apr-Jun	43,716	43,873	175	45	579	573	6	21	-
	Jan-Mar	43,500	43,716	188	49	653	600	53	24	-
2009	Jan-Dec	43,524	43,500	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	4	-
	Oct-Dec	43,428	43,500	168	48	271	317	-46	-2	-
	Jul-Sep	43,637	43,428	206	47	432	796	-364	-4	-
	Apr-Jun	43,546	43,637	178	43	474	556	-82	38	-
	Jan-Mar	43,524	43,546	159	48	484	545	-61	-21	-
2008	Jan-Dec	43,610	43,524	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	120	-
2007	Jan-Dec	43,173	43,610	725	174	2,230	2,339	-109	-5	-
2006	Jan-Dec	43,317	43,173	687	182	2,202	2,954	-752	38	65

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2006, 2001 and 1996 census based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.